



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$125,000 to fund the Public Benefits Program Grant – Lodi Appliance Rebate Program (EUD)

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2001

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$125,000 to fund the Public Benefits Program Grant – Lodi Appliance Rebate Program, a component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Funds for the most recent appliance rebate program (the Lodi Residential Appliance Rebate 2000 Program) are now exhausted. The request for \$125,000 from the City of Lodi Public Benefits fund will create a new program, offering Lodi residents and businesses a rebate of \$50 to \$100 on designated appliances. Those appliances, which are all energy efficient and can reduce energy costs up to 5% (or more depending upon how many energy efficient appliances are utilized) annually, include:

- *refrigerators*- any refrigerator that displays the EnergyStar (copyrighted) logo, or that consumes 750 kWh (kilowatt hours) of electricity or less annually (\$100 rebate); refrigerators that consume from 751 to 1000 kWh of electricity annually (\$50 rebate);
- *front loading clothes washers* (\$100 rebate);
- *dishwashers*- any dishwasher that displays the EnergyStar (copyrighted) logo (\$100 rebate);
- *manual defrost freezers*- (\$100 rebate); and
- *single-room air conditioners*- (\$100 rebate)

Other program guidelines include:

- you must be a City of Lodi electric utility customer to participate in the program;
- rebates are good from May 18, 2001 until funds are depleted;
- total rebate could be \$500 per eligible customer (based upon service address); and
- appliances must be purchased from participating Lodi dealers/stores (including: Anderson Maytag, Ben's Appliance, FILCO of Lodi, Kundert & Bauer, Les' Appliance, Reo's Appliance Center, and Wal-Mart of Lodi)

FUNDING: 164605 – Public Benefits Program Fund (Category – Demand-side Management)

Funding Approval: *Vicky R. McAthie for*
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow
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Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn
H. Dixon Flynn City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFITS
PROGRAM GRANT - LODI APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, this project is the fifth in a series of projects specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers. The Lodi Residential Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate 2000 project allows residential customers to receive cash rebates of up to \$400 per service address, by replacing specified older, less energy efficient appliances with more energy efficient models; and

WHEREAS, to participate in the program, residential customers may purchase any or all of the following appliances from the participating dealers and receive a \$100.00 rebate for each:

- Energy efficient refrigerator;
- Upright manual defrost freezer;
- Front loading clothes washer;
- Single-room air conditioner with 9.0 or higher SEER);

WHEREAS, the total rebate could be \$400 per qualified residential customer, and the rebate program will run from June 1, 2000 until funds are depleted; and

WHEREAS, funds for the appliance rebate program are now exhausted, and staff requests that the City Manager provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 to fund the Lodi Appliance Rebate Program, specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers.

Dated: May 16, 2001

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-116 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held May 16, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk